

## Daniels Cause Of Delays

Capt. Palmer Corroborates Testimony of Laning.

Washington, March 25.—"Procrastination on the part of Secretary Daniels" was responsible for a serious shortage of personnel which proved "the initial handicap of the navy in the war," Captain Leigh C. Palmer, war time chief of the bureau of navigation, testified today before the Senate Committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war.

The secretary, Captain Palmer declared, was unable to appreciate the necessity for obtaining and training men in advance of an actual declaration of war.

"Even after war was declared," the witness said, "he used to say 'we have too many reserves now.'"

Just before the United States joined the Allies and when the bureau of navigation was striving to recruit naval reserves, the witness continued, Secretary Daniels ordered enrollment in the reserves stopped.

"Did they stop?" asked Chairman Hale.

"No, we needed the men and went right ahead,"

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## WANT WILSON TO TAKE STAND

Washington, March 25.—Both Democrats and Republicans cheered a statement in the House today by Representative Humphreys, Democrat, Mississippi, that President Wilson should make an immediate announcement that he was not a candidate for a third term.

## Railroad Will Not Observe Ordinance

Hartford, Conn., March 25.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad law will not conform to any local daylight saving ordinance or law, at least not so long as there is not more uniformity of time among cities and towns which it serves, especially in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This was the announcement made today by Carl A. Mitchell, superintendent of the Hartford division of the road.

It was the result of a conference of railroad officials at New Haven Wednesday afternoon and information was given out that train schedules would not be changed. It was pointed out that if changes were made great confusion would result.

Hartford's daylight saving ordinance goes into effect next Monday. Without a change in time of arrival of trains in the morning on which thousands of commuters travel business is likely to be seriously disturbed. What effect the railroad company's decision will have is today problematical.

## 65 SINN FEIN ARE IMPRISONED

Belfast, Ireland, March 25.—Sixty-five Sinn Fein prisoners who sailed from Queenstown yesterday aboard a British ship which was accompanied by two destroyers, arrived here this morning.

The Sinn Feiners were removed from the ship under a strong guard and taken to the city jail which had been cleared of other prisoners. The jail has been fitted with barbed wire protection and the prisoners will be guarded by troops.

## DR. BALDWIN TAKES STAND

Dr. A. H. Baldwin, the elderly physician who is suing the City of New York for \$50,000 damages to recover for injuries received when his car turned over on Main street in that city, hobbled on crutches to the witness stand when he was called this morning to testify in the superior court. Dr. Baldwin declared he did not see the obstruction in the street and that his car skidded and overturned before he could do anything to prevent it.

Howard Baldwin, son of the doctor, testified that he examined the spot found ice extending about five feet from the curb. There was a pile about 15 inches high, which the city claims was ice and which Dr. Baldwin says "as dirt thrown from an excavation nearby. Testimony was offered to show that there had been some excavation work nearby and that the dirt was thrown into the road. The trial was resumed this afternoon.

**WOOD LEADING**  
Sioux Falls, S. D., March 25.—Primary election returns from remote and isolated districts of South Dakota are expected to arrive by mail today and provide practically a complete state vote. Returns compiled late last night for Republican presidential endorsement from 1,155 of 1,740 state precincts including all but a dozen of the larger voting places in the state and gave Wood 27,666; Lowden 23,485; Johnson 21,736.

## INTEND TO PROCLAIM REPUBLIC IN FIUME

Rome, March 25.—Fiume is on the eve of momentous events, say dispatches direct from that city. Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio and the Italian national assembly have decided to proclaim Fiume a republic but will probably not take this action until after the meeting of the supreme allied council at San Remo, Italy, on April 21. Forgery of bank notes on a large scale at Fiume has resulted in an accentuation of the distress caused by the paralysis of commerce there. The populace however is determined not to submit to the Jugo Slavs.

At a meeting of officers and prominent citizens held last night dispatches states, Captain D'Annunzio reaffirmed his determination not to abandon the city until it was either "racially independent or a heap of ruins."

## BOLSHEVIKI LAUNCH THEIR SPRING ATTACK

Warsaw, March 24.—Bolshevik attacks have been launched against the Polish line at scattered points along a front of approximately 400 miles and the long planned spring attack by the Russian Soviet armies apparently has been commenced.

While the Bolsheviks have made some small advances at some places, despite the desperate resistance of the Poles, the latter have been holding the enemy in check in most sections, say official statements. The Reds have been compelled to retreat from several newly acquired positions along the front but fighting still continues. The Soviet troops using heavy artillery, tanks, armored cars and other apparatus captured from General Denikin on the South Russian front.

Most severe fighting took place on Tuesday on the Polish-Podolian front near the Galician frontier. The Bolsheviks continued their attacks on this sector in an effort to capture Rovno, an important railroad center, and Kamenets-Podolsk, a city highly prized because of its strategic importance. Further north in the region of Rzeszowa and Kalenkowitz, the enemy took several small villages which were recovered by the Poles after a day's fighting.

Heavy engagements are also reported in the vicinity of Zaslava.

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## FATHER WILL PAY RANSOM

Money No Consideration If Boy Is Returned to Home.

Lexington, Ky., March 25.—Although E. R. Little, Todington capitalist, had announced that the demanded ransom would be paid, Paul Little, his seven-year-old son, was still a captive today of a kidnapper who lured him away late yesterday.

It was stated that the kidnapper demanded \$25,000 ransom. Little announced all demands would be met, declaring:

"I do not care about the \$25,000 if I can get my son back safely."

The boy disappeared with an unidentified white man. The lad's playmates said he told them the man had promised him a dollar to "deliver a box of candy."

Later a note was delivered to the Little home by a messenger boy, but the father refused to divulge the exact contents of the message. He did admit, however, that it contained threats to kill his son if the ransom was not paid.

## GOVERNOR TO GET RESOLUTION

Hartford, March 25.—The resolution passed by the Republican state convention yesterday calling upon Governor Holcomb to call a special session of the legislature to consider the federal suffrage amendment, will be presented to the governor next Tuesday by Colonel I. M. Ullman, chairman of the committee on resolutions at the convention.

At suffrage headquarters here today members of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association stated that they refused to consider the governor's statement as made public this morning as a definite refusal to call a special session as the resolution has not yet reached him.

## WANT DELEGATES UNINSTRUCTED

Bansor, Me., March 25.—Ratification of the peace treaty with the reservations adopted by the Senate was favored in resolutions presented to a Republican state convention today. A resolution disapproving government ownership of railroads and steamships was also offered.

The business included the nomination of six candidates for presidential electors and the choice of four delegates at large and eight district delegates to the national convention. Leaders of the convention expressed the opinion that the delegates would be uninstructed and unpledged.

## CHICAGO MARKET CHANGES HOURS

Pittsburg Stock Exchange Also Considers Opening Earlier.

Chicago, March 25.—Trading on the Chicago stock exchange will be advanced one hour beginning next Monday in conformity with the change of hours in the New York stock market under the New York daylight saving law. The board of governors of the Chicago exchange voted yesterday to fix the hours of trading from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. on week days and from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. on Saturdays until such time as a daylight saving law may be adopted here.

Pittsburg, March 25.—A proposed change in the hours of trading on the Pittsburgh stock market was brought up yesterday. The daylight saving law which goes into effect next Monday was being considered by members of the exchange here today. The New York law is effective one month earlier than Pittsburgh's daylight saving ordinance.

## MORE ACTIVITY ON WATER FRONT

New Line of Sound Steamers Begins Operations.

The melting snows at the head of the Housatonic river and its feeders has so swollen the lower river that there is scarcely any tide flowing up the river. The waters from above meeting the waters of the Sound simply causing a swelling but not to such an extent as to flood the banks.

The first barge of the season with coal for the American Brass Co.'s yard on the river, at the railroad bridge, was brought up yesterday afternoon. The barge contained about 10,000 tons.

The steam lighter Interstate No. 3, arrived in the harbor this morning with castings for the Singer Company from the foundry at Elizabeth, N. J.

A new line of Sound steamers began operations yesterday when the "Willie Bunker" arrived at the docks with a load of general merchandise consigned to parties in New Haven.

The boats will be operated in conjunction with a fleet of motor trucks. The freight for any part of Connecticut will be brought to Bridgeport and conveyed by the trucks to its destination.

The steamer Park City from Port Jefferson did not arrive in the harbor yet but word has been received that she will arrive tomorrow on her maiden trip of the season.

## GREAT BRITAIN CONSIDERS CLAIM

Washington, March 25.—Great Britain is considering the presentation of a claim to the United States for losses by the retention of the Emperor and other former German ships "after the completion of the United States service in which they were engaged," Consul General Sidner at London reported today to the department of commerce. Representations already have been made to the American government through the British ministry of shipping, the despatch said.

Mr. Skinner quoted Bonar Law, former chancellor of the exchequer, as having stated officially that the losses directly due to the retention of the ships temporarily allotted to the United States after the war for returning American soldiers home was "considerable" and that he had the matter of a formal claim under advisement.

## T. W. LAWSON IS ARRESTED

Boston, March 25.—The crusade of Attorney General Allen against promoters and brokers who have been exploiting silver stocks led to the arrest of Thomas W. Lawson today. Lawson was arrested at the police headquarters to answer to a warrant charging him with violating on four counts a state law regarding the filing of information regarding stock issues.

Four other operators and brokers were arrested yesterday, including L. C. Van Riper of New York, former secretary of Lawson.

## Fires 2 Shots To End Life

Expect Woman to Die From Her Wounds.

Despondent over domestic troubles a woman reported to be Anna Tirello, wife of a shoemaker living at 196 Gregory street, shot herself in the left hand this morning and then, finding that the revolver she was using was in good condition, turned the weapon on her throat and inflicted a wound which it is thought will cause her death.

Her husband working in the shoe shop heard the shot and ran to his home, two doors away, and when discovered by Emergency doctor B. J. Coyle and Ambulance Driver Christian Kost, was holding his thumb over the bullet wound to stop the escaping flow of blood. His efforts, however, were but partially successful for on the arrival of the ambulance the floor about her body was literally soaked with blood and the woman's condition is said at St. Vincent's hospital to be such that but little hope is held out for her recovery.

The revolver was found in the sink of the home with two bullets fired. The woman regained consciousness for a time at the hospital and when questioned through an interpreter as to her reason for attempting her life was uncommunicative.

## RUMOR CITY TO DROP WARRENITE

Courtade Says "We Will Stick to Guaranteed Pavement."

A rumor has been heard around the city the past several days that the city was to use no more Warrenite on its streets and that hereafter the Bridgeport Construction Co. would be given contracts to pave streets with impregnated macadam.

Jacob A. Courtade, Director of Public Works, stated today, however, that all of this was news to him. "I haven't heard of any such plan," stated Mr. Courtade, "and furthermore I have not even heard a rumor of it. We will naturally stick to the pavement that is guaranteed." Asked if this meant that Warrenite would still be used Mr. Courtade replied in the affirmative.

## LAWYERS' CASES ARE CONTINUED

The cases of Attorneys Francis J. Brown, Solomon Badesch, Harry Garofalo and Harry Moser, accused of having defrauded Andrew P. Nichols of \$10,000 were brought before the City court this morning and continued for two weeks. Bonds will remain in the hands of the court.

The continuance was satisfactory to both the State and the defense, and probably was brought about by the fact that Judge John H. Light, of Norwich, has not yet completed his investigation of the case. It is expected that the case will be settled on April 8.

## SEND COUNCIL NOTE TO TURKEY

Washington, March 25.—The note to the Allied Supreme Council outlining the American government's views on the Turkish settlement was dispatched today by the State Department. It was the first diplomatic paper to bear the signature of Bainbridge Colby, the new secretary of state.

## THIEVES GET SKINS

Boston, March 25.—Four thieves tunneled through a brick wall in the Roxbury district recently and stole the "check off" of the skins, it was learned at police headquarters today.

## Tell Anthracite Men To Remain At Work

New York, March 25.—Officers of the United Mine Workers were preparing notices today to be sent to local unions in the three districts comprising the anthracite coal region, notifying them to remain at work after April 1 pending the negotiations of a new wage agreement, as the mine operators have agreed to make "any wage award retroactive to that date."

Union officials, however, pointed out that April 1 is a holiday. This day, which is the anniversary of the striking of the eight hour day to the hard coal workers, is observed throughout the mining fields.

With the retroactive agreement disposed of, mine workers and operators declared their intention of speeding up the negotiations of a new contract.

The sub-committee handling the chief demands of the workers, the proposals for a closed shop and the "check off," the six hour day, five day week and a sixty per cent. wage increase.

## BAUER HEAD OF NEW CABINET

### GET BUT ONE REMONSTRANCE ON DAYLIGHT LAW

Belief Is That Ordinance Will Be Passed Tonight.

The only remonstrance against the daylight saving ordinance which is scheduled to come before the Common Council at the special meeting tonight in the City Hall is one filed by the Bridgeport Central Labor Union and received in the City Clerk's office this morning.

The remonstrance reads as follows: "To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

"In accordance with instructions received at the Central Labor Union in regular meeting assembled on Wednesday, March 24, I am to inform your body that the Central Labor Union of Bridgeport wishes to enter its most vigorous protest against the passage of the proposed Daylight Saving ordinance.

"W. S. HOFFMAN, Secretary."

Despite this protest it is general opinion among the aldermen and others interested in the proposed ordinance that the passage of it tonight is a foregone conclusion.

It was pointed out at City Hall today that the smaller towns in the vicinity of Bridgeport can very easily follow Bridgeport's lead into the matter of daylight saving by calling town meetings and passing a similar measure, thereby saving any confusion which might result at difference in time between the outlying towns and Bridgeport.

### HITS MAN AND INJURES GIRL

Rickard's Car Strikes Fence Knocking It Over on Child.

Attempting to avoid striking Benjamin Rackowitz, of 713 State street, by swerving his machine into the sidewalk, Chris Rickard, Jr., of 534 Howard avenue, succeeded only in swinging the machine so that the fender struck the pedestrian and then crashed head on into a fence, toppling it over on eight-year old Marion Downey, of 530 State street. Rackowitz, who was removed to a private physicians' office is reported to be seriously hurt while the girl escaped with a possible fracture of the left hip.

According to the report made after the accident Rickard stated he was driving slowly along State street which was rather crowded with cars. Rackowitz emerged suddenly from behind a jitney and Rickard tried to swing his car to the sidewalk. The front fender however did not clear Rackowitz and hurled him to the ground. Before Rickard could stop his machine it had crashed into the fence near which the small girl was standing.

Emergency doctor B. J. Coyle responded to an ambulance call and administered first aid treatment to the girl but Rackowitz had by that time been taken away from the scene of the accident.

### RENOVN CANNOT NAVIGATE CANAL

Panama, March 25.—It is doubted here whether a channel suitably to permit the passage of the British cruiser Renown can be cleared in the Culebra Cut by Tuesday next when the Prince of Wales will arrive aboard the warship on his way to Australia.

More than 20 ships are still tied up as the result of the slide in the cut. This afternoon an island 50 feet wide and three feet high is visible above the channel.

### NO PLAN TO STARVE MINERS

London, March 25.—The War Office today denied that any plan of action had been decided on or even considered to starve the miners into submission in the event of a strike by the use of the army as a blockading force, as reported by the Daily Herald, the labor organ, this morning.

A statement is being prepared by the War Office which probably will be issued tonight, it was announced.

**ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS**  
Elizabeth Hornecliman, of 267 Sullivan street, who was arrested last night for drunkenness, forfeited bonds of \$25 when she failed to appear for trial in the City court this morning.

### Socialist Organs Much Dissatisfied — Agreement Reached With Workmen in Ruhr Valley — Quiet Prevails For Time At Wesel.

Berlin, March 25.—The new German cabinet reconstructed as the result of yesterday's negotiations will be headed by Gustav Bauer, the present premier, according to the Morning Post, today. It gives the list of the remodelled ministry as follows:

Premier, Gustav Bauer; vice chancellor and minister of justice, Dr. Schiffer; foreign affairs, Dr. Hermann Mueller; interior, Herr Koch; defense, Herr Gessler; finance, Captain Fisher; Cuno; treasury, Herr Boltz; transportation, Dr. Bell; labor, Herr Schliker; reconstruction, Herr Silberschmidt; economy, Dr. Schmidt; posts and telegraphs, Herr Giesberts; minister without portfolio, Dr. Eduard David.

The ministers not in the old cabinet are Herr Gessler, who is mayor of Nuremberg; Captain Cuno, who is the director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Co.; Herr Boltz and Herr Silberschmidt, who is one of the leaders of the builders' trade union.

The newspapers generally do not appear to be satisfied with the make-up of the cabinet, especially the socialist organs, which consider that the

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### ROBINSON IS WELL PLEASED OVER EVENTS

Believes Mayor Strengthened Position By Attack.

Questioned this morning regarding the probable effect of Mayor Wilson's attack on Roraback yesterday on the latter's chances for governor, J. A. H. Robinson, town chairman of the Republican party, stated that the sentiment among Wilson supporters is that the mayor has strengthened his position rather than weaken it by his exposure of conditions as they exist in the party's affairs in the state.

Mr. Robinson further stated that when Republicans throughout the state come to analyze the figures presented by the mayor at the convention yesterday showing the striking difference between the way the Roraback faction handled things and the successful manner in which Bridgeport G. O. P. affairs have been governed by John T. King, they cannot fail but to take steps to remedy existing conditions.

"No matter how it may affect the mayor personally," said Mr. Robinson, "he may be conscious of having been of real service to the party and coupling his work with the fact that Mr. King put over the Women Suffrage resolution our organization has won a victory rather than a defeat. We have no regrets or apologies to make."

### RECEIVES FRACTURED SKULL IN ACCIDENT

### WELL KNOWN TEACHER DEAD

Miss Hanover Passes Away After Long and Painful Illness.

In the death of Miss Bessie B. Hanover, which occurred this morning after a long and painful illness, Bridgeport loses one who was for more than thirty years a member of its teaching corps.

Miss Hanover was the only child of the late Julius B. and Annie Blackman Hanover. She was educated in the public schools of the city, graduating from the high school in the class of 1890, of which she was the valedictorian.

Shortly after graduating she began teaching. After a brief period of work in one of the graded schools of the city she was transferred to the high school. Here she continued teaching until 1912, when, on account of failing health she was obliged to resign her position.

Miss Hanover was a person of sterling character, a devoted daughter, a conscientious teacher and a faithful friend.

The funeral will be private, and interment in New Haven, on Friday, March 26.

### ASKS PEOPLE TO ADOPT LAW

Gov. Edwards of New Jersey Issues Statement.

Jersey City, N. J., March 25.—Voluntary adoption by the people of New Jersey of the daylight saving hours in accordance with the New York state law effective at 2 a. m. Sunday, was requested by Governor Edwards in a statement issued here today. Such action, he said, in view of the state Senate's failure last night to approve a daylight saving measure recently passed by the assembly "is the only means left for warding off endless complications and delay."

The governor said he would renew efforts to have the Senate pass the pending measure Monday night.

### KUPFER REPORT DUE TOMORROW

The report of State Referee Roraback in the divorce suit brought by Ruth Baker Kupfer of this city against Walker S. Kupfer of Lafayette street, will be presented to Judge Keeler in the Superior Court tomorrow for approval. The referee reported that Mrs. Kupfer was entitled to a divorce on the charge of intolerable cruelty.

It was also ruled that the husband was entitled to the general custody of the children but that Mrs. Kupfer might have them at stated intervals throughout the year. Kupfer withdrew his petition for divorce on the ground of infidelity. If Judge Keeler accepts the referee's report judgment of divorce will be given in favor of Mrs. Kupfer.

Ansonia, Conn., March 25.—Daylight saving without setting the clocks ahead will be effective in Ansonia, Derby, Shelton and Seymour beginning April 4.